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SUBJECT: UNHCR REPATRIATION PROGRAM (REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM IN CONUS)

REF: MACE/BRENNAN LETTER DATED DECEMBER 4, 1975

1. APPRECIATE RECEIPT INFO CONTAINED REF. LETTER RE UNHCR ESTIMATED EXPENSES THROUGH DECEMBER 31 FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM. REQUEST ASAP UPDATE OF UNHCR ESTIMATES THROUGH CURRENT QUARTER.

2. TWO TYPES OF EXPENSES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN UNHCR ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT QUARTER IN ADDITION TO THOSE IDENTIFIED IN REFERENCED LETTER, I.E.:

A. COST OF UNHCR PRESENT CONTRACT WITH ACNS FOR CARE AND FEEDING OF REPATRIATES IN PHILADELPHIA (SINCE THIS CONTRACT MAY NOT BE EXTENDED, COST ESTIMATE SHOULD BE ONLY FOR CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD).

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B. AMOUNT OF USG CONTRIBUTION FOR RETURN OF REPATRIATES

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FROM CONUS TO PHNOM PENH AND SAIGON.

3. WITH REGARD TO USG CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR FOR RETURN OF REPATRIATES, IT IS RECOGNIZED NUMBER OF REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR AS REPATRIATES MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 30, 1976. UNHCR ESTIMATES WILL NEED TO BE PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED UPWARD OR DOWNWARD AS NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS CHANGES DURING REMAINDER OF FY 1976. UNHCR ESTIMATE REFERRED TO PARA 2B ABOVE SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. COST OF AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR REPATRIATES PRESENTLY REGISTERED WITH UNHCR FROM PRESENT ADDRESS IN CONUS TO SAIGON OR VIETNAM AND (B) UNHCR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR HANDLING MOVEMENT OF REPATRIATES.

4. REQUEST UNHCR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER CONTRIBUTIONS MIGHT BE SOLICITED FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS, FOR REFUGEES WHO OPT FOR REPATRIATION AFTER JUNE 30, 1976, SINCE WE ARE AT PRESENT WITHOUT FUNDING AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF UNHCR IS OF OPINION USG WILL BE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR FOR REPATRIATES, WE WOULD REQUEST UNHCR AGREEMENT THAT (A) INTEREST EARNED ON MONIES ADVANCED BY USG WOULD BE ADDED TO UNHCR REPATRIATION FUND TO OFFSET INFLATIONARY COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD AND (B) THEY WOULD ASSIST USG IN PUBLICIZING FACT THAT FUNDING MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANY REPATRIATE FROM CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM WHO DOES NOT REGISTER WITH UNHCR PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1976. KISSINGER

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